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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.114(d), applicants are filing concurrently herewith a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and submitting the following amendment and remarks in response to the Official Action dated November 23, 2010 in the above-identified patent application.